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Cal Fire Suspends Burning Permits

San Bernardino – CAL FIRE is suspending burning permits on ALL STATE

RESPONSIBILITY LANDS WITHIN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. This is being done because of the extreme potential for wildland fire. The burn suspension will be instituted beginning Friday, July 1, 2011 at 6:00 A.M. in accordance with Section 4423.1 of the California Public Resources Code. The suspension is effective except in incorporated cities. Additionally, the use of campfires is restricted to campfire facilities located within established campgrounds that are open to the public.

Tim McClelland, CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit Chief says "the large grass crop across the wildland areas of Southern California have dried out and can be ignited very easily. By taking this step, we hope to reduce the accidental fire starts that can threaten life and property within San Bernardino County."

We have already witnessed active burning conditions on several wildland fires within San Bernardino County. The high desert area is currently experiencing extreme burning conditions. Homeowner's responsibility is the key to fire safety. Following the law and having their 100 feet of defensible space (or to the property line) is a great first step in making their homes and property fire resistive.

Once again, the Burning Permit Suspension is effective beginning Friday morning, July 01, 2011 at 6:00 A.M. and will remain in effect until the suspension is terminated by CAL FIRE.

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